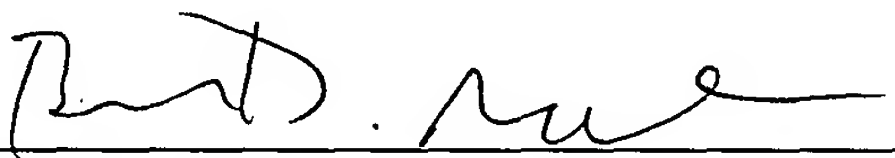


**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to insert a claim of priority, and cancels claims 1-16 and 32-39. This application should now be in condition for a favorable examination. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the below-indicated telephone number to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-1853.

Respectfully submitted,

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